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CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Miss Genevieve Marmande of Theriot, Louisiana, smiles happily as she is being congratulated by President H. Lee Prather (left) and Mr. Milford Green (center), president of the Natchitoches Rotary Club, upon being selected by Rotary International for a foreign-study fellowship, which will be effective for 1953-1954 session.

Receives Rotary Study Grant

A foreign-study fellowship was awarded this month to Miss Genevieve Marmande, a senior student at the College, who hails from Theriot, Terrebonne Parish, La.

Miss Marmande is majoring in French in her undergraduate work and expects to continue studying at some university in France. The university selected will be announced by Rotary after all arrangements for matriculation and enrollment have been made.

A graduate of Terrebonne High School, Houma, Louisiana. Miss Marmande is the first and only student in Louisiana to receive the Rotary International foreign-study fellowship award. There are 95 such fellowships offered by Rotary International. This means that 95 students throughout the world, where Rotary exists, will study in countries other than their own.

These foreign-study fellowships are sponsored by the international committee of Rotary as a means of bringing about a better understanding of and appreciation for the traditions, customs, and ideologies of different nations, as a basis for continued friendly relations among different nationalities as a step in the development of a real and permanent peace.

Miss Marmande was recommended by the Natchitoches Rotary Club for this honor.

College Conference Here March 6-7

Northwestern State College will act as host to more than 300 faculty and staff members of the colleges and universities of the State of Louisiana as they come to the campus on March 6-7 to attend the Louisiana College conference. This will be the fifteenth annual conference of the colleges.

The conference was held last year at St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans. Each of the conferences is devoted to a study of some of the problems of education with a view to making improvements wherever possible. The

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But There Were Seven--Not Five

A rather startling but extremely happy sequel to the feature story in the January issue of the ALUMNI COLUMNS, written by Miss Mamie Bowman and entitled: "And Now, There Are Five" is the discovery that the title was entirely incorrect.

Shortly after the copies containing the story were mailed, word came that the title should be changed to "And Now, There Are Six." We were indeed happy to learn there was another of the "Class of 1894" living right near by, and, strange to say, on our regular mailing list. Some way and some how the name was overlooked until we were reminded of another living member of the class. MISS MAMIE COCKERHAM, formerly of St. Maurice, is now living at Jamestown in Bienville Parish. We are hoping to get more information about her later, and learn what she is doing and what she has been doing these 59 years since graduation.

In today's mail (February 14) comes another lovely Valentine informing us that there is still another of this class of 1894. Well, the title now becomes "And Now, There Are Seven."

The seventh member of the class to be found is the former LELIA HOLSTON, now Mrs. Joe Gooch of 210 North Louisiana Avenue, Abbeville.

According to Miss Mary Jane Sweeney of Gueydan, Louisiana, a daughter of Mrs. Gooch was in school in the same dormitory with her in 1922 or 1923. This daughter was Miss Beatrice Gooch.

According to Miss Rose Holston, Westfield, Texas, Class of 1901, and sister of the seventh member, Mrs. Gooch has two daughters and three grandchildren.

Any other reports concerning additional living members of the Class of 1894 will be deeply appreciated. We are certainly happy that these additional members have been found, not only for our records but for each other. I dare say there will be some interesting letters written by each of these seven to the others in the group.

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SWIM TEAM BREAKS TWELVE RECORDS IN FOUR MEETS

After winning three out of four swimming meets this season, the Demon tankmen travel to Atlanta, Georgia, on February 27-28 to compete in the Southern Regional Swimming Championship meet being staged there. This meet will bring the Demons into competition with the finest swimmers in the entire South. Incidentally, it will give them another opportunity to meet the swimmers from Florida State University, the only team to defeat them in competition this year. Florida has one of the South's best swim teams and ranks high nationally.

Records Broken

In the four meets held this year records have been made and broken in almost every meet. Twelve records have been broken or bettered this season, a fact which indicates the keen competition and improved swimming of both the Demons and the swimmers of the opposition. The records broken are commonly referred to as college or pool records. A college record is one made by a Northwestern State swimmer or swimmers and may be set either at the N. S. C. pool or at a competitor's pool. However, no one but a swimmer from the College can break a college record because this is exclusively a record made by our own tankmen. An opponent may better the college record, but this does not change the record.

On the other hand a pool record may be made by the home team or by the opposition. It is a record made in the NSC pool by any swimmer competing in our pool.

In the first meet of the year against Little Rock Boys Club two records were set. Mike Torrans set a pool record of 1:11.01 in the 100-yd. individual medley relay. Tommy Kehoe set a new pool and college record of 2:20.9 in the 200-yard freestyle event.

The Demons next met the Southern Methodist University Mustangs, water variety, and three new records were set. Two were made by the Demons and one by the Mustangs. Johnny Cunningham, Myron Lockey, and Lyle Dillman (NSC) set a new 300-yd. medley relay record of 3:09.1; Al Killgore (SMU) set a new pool record of 1:03 in the 100-yd. individual medley; and Dean Clark, Cunningham, Kehoe, and Dillman (NSC) set a new college and pool record of 3:46.4 in the 100-yard relay.

Six records were broken or bettered in the meet against Florida State University, two by NSC swimmers and four by the FSU tankmen. Tommy Kehoe, NSC freshman, broke his own pool and college record in the 200-yard freestyle when he was clocked in 2:19, and Lockey set a new pool record of 2:36.8 in the 200-yard breast-stroke event. Florida set new records in the 300-yard medley relay, 50-yard freestyle, 200-yard backstroke, and 100-yard freestyle.

Records continue to fall each meet. Against Texas A. & M. the team of Cunningham, Lockey and Kehoe set a new college and pool record in the 300-yard medley relay race in the time of 3:07.45.

Riding Herd On SWC

The Demon swimmers have conquered Southern Methodist University and Texas A. & M. of the Southwest Conference in meets this season. They are scheduled to meet University of Texas here on March 6. They also plan a return engagement with Texas A. & M. at College Station on March 9.

Coach John Piscopo and his team are to be congratulated for the splendid showing they have made against the best competition in the South and Southwest areas.

Women Debaters Win At Abilene

Ann Torrans and Pat Hankins, members of the N. S. C. debate team, took first place in senior women's debate February 14 at the Abilene Christian College annual debate tournament, defeating Central Oklahoma State College in the final round. Ann Torrans also won first place in extemporaneous speaking.

David Kendrick took first place in poetry reading, with Chick Gabbert taking third place in oratory.

Other debaters making the trip with debate coach Donald Graham were Bobby Hamm, Bill Erwin, Daisy Cox, Carolyn Boutwell, and Joan Prestridge.

COLLEGE CONFERENCE—

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theme of the conference this year is "Relating the College to the Community."

The conference will open with a general session on Friday afternoon, March 6, in the Little Theater of the Fine Arts Building. The opening session will be followed by a tea in Varnado Hall.

The evening session will be held in the main Dining Hall. A banquet will be served and a featured speaker will address the group afterwards.

Saturday's sessions will be confined mainly to section meetings, beginning at 9:00 o'clock, where problems of interest to special groups will be discussed. Following the section meetings will be a general business session at 11:00.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Dr. C. E. Dugdale, Dean of School of Arts and Sciences, and a member of the executive committee of the conference. Various NSC faculty committees have been asked to assist in the final arrangements.

RECORD-BREAKING SWIM TEAM - 1953 EDITION

Pictured above are the members of the 1953 swimming team. Reading from left to right, they are, 1st row: Henry Walton, Iowa; Mike Torrans, Shreveport; Joe M. Koonce, Little Rock, Arkansas; Tommy Kehoe, New Orleans; Horace Humble, Baton Rouge; James King, DeRidder; and Robert DeBlieux, Natchitoches.
Second Row: Coach John Piscopo; Dennis Rider, Hodge; Dean Clark, Leesville; Lyle Dillman, New Orleans; Peyton Cunningham, Natchitoches; Gale Hearn, Forest Hill; and Henry Lyle, manager, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Third Row: Myron Lockey, Captain, Monroe; and John Cunningham, Natchitoches.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR TRACK SEASON IN 1953

With thirteen lettermen, six squadmen, and a score of freshmen and newcomers expected to report for first call for the track season, Coach Walter Ledet is looking forward to some keen competition in the Gulf States Conference this spring.

The track team will take part in nine track meets, climaxed by the Gulf States Conference meet on the campus of Louisiana Tech at Ruston on May 9.

The first meet is scheduled for the local track on March 21 and will be a triangular affair between Southeastern, Louisiana Tech, and Northwestern State.

On March 28 the fifteenth annual N. S. C. Relays will be held in Natchitoches, followed by a four-way meet here between McNeese, Southwestern, Southeastern, and Northwestern on April 1.

Moving away from the home field for the rest of the season, the Demons compete at Ruston on April 8, April 18, and May 9. The April 8 date will be a triangular meet between Louisiana Tech, Northeast, and Northwestern, while the meet of April 18 will bring together teams from Louisiana College, Centenary, Louisiana Tech, and NSC. The last meet, May 9, will be the GSC track and field meet, where champions of the conference will be crowned.

Two meets are scheduled at Lafayette. On April 11 will be held the Southwestern Louisiana Relays, an annual affair that attracts both college and high school teams from the entire southwest area, and on April 29 a triangular meet between SLI, NSC, and Louisiana Tech.

The other meet in which the Demons will participate is a four-way contest at Hammond between Southeastern, Louisiana College, McNeese, and Northwestern.

Returning Lettermen

The Demon hopes, built around the returning lettermen from last year, will be centered in the following men in the dashes and relays: Jack Bice, Billy Hart, Tynes Hildebrand, Waple Lilly, Roland Smith, Murrell Walker, and Murray Walker. In the distance and middle-distance races the burden will be carried by Dennis Ryder and Junior Turner. The field events will be handled by lettermen Ronald Byrd, Bill Collingsworth, George Davis, and Johnny Emmons, supported by squadsmen James Modisette, A. J. Tellotta, James Wiggins, Sammy Wilson, Earl Haynes, and Harry Willis.

Among the freshmen and newcomers that should lend strength and balance to the squad are included men like Mixon Bankston, Clyde Chesson, August Fabiano, Rudy Landry, James Little, George McConathy, Eugene Mallet, George Oubre, Ted Simon, Billy Steele, James Thomas, and Ted Duggan, all of whom specialize in the field events. In the dashes, relays, and distance events will be found M. B. Childress, Bolton Collins, Robert Lee, Raymond McFadden, Hugh Purser, Jefferson Reid, James Stoker, Leroy Gillan, Lawrence Whitt, and B. D. Vercher.

Once a power in track, the Demons suffered a decided lapse and dropped to a rather low standing in conference competition until last year, when they showed definite signs of an upsurge along the come-back trail by moving up among the top three GSC teams. The prospects this year look promising for them to maintain if not improve their standing of last year.

Beulah Gundling

S.A.A.U. Women's Championships Feature Star Swimmer

Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, will be two big days in aquatics for women, when the Northwestern State College plays host to the S. A. A. U. Senior Women's Indoor Open Swimming, Diving, and Synchronized Swimming Championships. The two-day program will feature a guest appearance of Beulah Gundling, the world's outstanding exponent of synchronized swimming.

The competitive meet is open to any amateur women swimmers, and five teams have already expressed intentions to enter. Mermaids from Little Rock, Minden, New Orleans Country Club, Audubon Swim Club of New Orleans, and Northwestern State College have already indicated that they will be present, and others are expected to file entries before the deadline of March 11.

In addition to a complete meet of swimming and diving, there will be competition in solo, duet, and team synchronized swimming. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to winners of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in all individual and team events, including the synchronized swimming competition. A trophy will be awarded to the team amassing the greatest number of points in the competitive swimming.

A special attraction will be Beulah Gundling of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, three-time United States National A. A. U. solo champion, with her husband, Henry Gundling, who is her coach and manager. Mrs. Gundling has conducted clinics and given exhibitions throughout the United States, Finland, Canada, Argentina, and Bermuda.

She represented the United States at the Pan-American Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in exhibitions of synchronized swimming, after which the sport was voted in as a competitive event for future Pan-American Games.

During the recent Olympic Games at Helsinki, Finland, she represented the United States by invitation in an exhibition of synchronized swimming. A special request was extended her for an exhibition before the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Kent, and Prince Bernhart of the Netherlands. Mrs. Gundling's final synchronized exhibition on Saturday evening, "Thunderbird," was composed especially for the 1952 Olympic Games.

Mrs. Gundling has been active in speed swimming, diving, life-saving, and water-safety work. In speed swimming she holds a number of A. A. U. medals in free-style, backstroke, breaststroke, and individual medley events.

Usually the composition of synchronized routines is done by the swimmer's coach. Beulah not only creates her own swimming routines but also designs and makes all her own costumes.

Since her first entry in competitive synchronized swimming in August, 1948, Beulah Gundling has made over 100 appearances in exhibitions, clinics, water shows, and competition. She has performed in 14 states, 43 cities, and 5 countries including the United States, and 15 colleges and universities in the United States.

Persons interested in securing entry blanks or information concerning the program are instructed to write Miss Jean Maeys, Health and Physical Education Department, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

JEFF GORDON BENNETT

This is to introduce Jeff Gordon Bennett at five months of age. Jeff Gordon's parents are Gordon and Colleen Bennett, both former students of Northwestern State College. Gordon and Colleen were very active in health and physical education and later received their master's degree from the University of Indiana, where they are now continuing advanced graduate study toward doctorate degrees. At the present time they are gainfully employed in fulltime work in their profession. Gordon has recently been named physical director of the Young Men's Christian Association in Evansville, Indiana, and Colleen is just four blocks down the street, serving as director of the physical education program for the Young Women's Christian Association.

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Here 'n There

A note from Randall A. Detro, Box 6284, University Station, Baton Rouge, states that he is now at the University and doing graduate work in Library Science. He is also employed as Assistant Librarian in the Agriculture-Biology Library.

Randall received his B. A. Degree from NSC in the spring of 1952. He calls Harmon, Louisiana, his home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Doyle McCurdy, 216 S. Jefferson Davis Parkway, New Orleans, have announced the arrival of their first child, a daughter on December 26. The young lady will be known by the name of Patricia Anne. The mother is the former Annie Theresa Provenzano of Donaldsonville. She was a former teacher in the Schools of Plaquemines Parish.

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Lt. Col. Horace Bamburg, who has been stationed in France, was transferred to Lisbon, Portugal, on January 1. He is serving as Air Attache to the Portuguese Government. Mrs. Bamburg, the former Peggy Myers, and the children have left to join him in Lisbon.

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A note from Mrs. John M. Lloyd, Jr., P. O. Box 134, High Island, Texas, the former Eloise Richmond, A. B. '45, was included along with her life membership dues during the Christmas Holidays. She stated: "Christmas always rekindles old memories of pleasant times and good friends, so how could I possibly forget Northwestern now . . ."

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A letter from Mrs. Marshall Thigpen, 2814 Scenic Highway, Baton Rouge, informs us that she has just learned she must spend the coming months in the Sanatorium. She is the former Elsie Harvey of the Class of 1937 and would appreciate letters from old classmates and friends. Her address will be Greenwell Springs Hospital, Greenwell Springs, Louisiana.

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A note from Mrs. LaFreda Maxwell Crow announces the arrival of Steven Richard Crow at their home on January 28. The Crows have two other children, Judy Carolyn, age 9, and Charles Kelly, age 5. Mrs. Crow, B. S. '41, is the former Freda Maxwell and has been making her home in Marion.

Demons Have 19-8 Basketball Record

With only four games left on the schedule to be played, the Demon Basketballers have established a record of 19 wins to 8 losses for the season thus far, giving them a .704 percentage rating.

Since our basketball story was crowded out of the last issue, we are giving you at the bottom of this page, the basketball scores for all games played up to the time we go to press.

Highlighting the season's play was the fact that the Demons have no particular leading scorer. Different players have been leading scorers in the various games played. In one game Davis is the leading scorer, in another it is Collingsworth, or Thomas, or McConathy, or Shaw, or Hildebrand, or Booras. However, for the season's play, Shaw is definitely the leading scorer of the team, and he is the third highest scorer in the conference. George Davis is in second place for the Demon point making department.

Through most of the season the Demons have depended upon team play and not upon individual stars. When team play was good, the team usually won, and when it was lacking, the results were of the same calibre.

Cupid's Doings

Miss Joyce Carol Rambin, former student, of Shreveport, and Mr. Walter Thomas Troegel, Jr., also of Shreveport, were married on January 24. They will make their home in Ruston.

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Miss Mary Louise McBride, B. S. '51, of Natchitoches, and Lieut. Ledyard Long, Jr., of Freeport Illinois, were married on January 25 at the Embury Methodist Church in Freeport. The bride is now living at Natchitoches and is employed by the FHA. Lt. Long is being transferred to Korea.

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Miss Imogene Wright, former student of Many, was married on January 25 to Donald Thomas Dickerson of Port Lavaca, Texas, in the First Baptist Church of Many. The young couple are residing at Port Lavaca, Texas, where the groom is employed as a civil engineer for a construction company.

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Miss Betty Lou Palmer, of Natchitoches, and J. Don Jones, B. S. '52, of Lake Charles, were married on February 1 at the First Methodist Church of Natchitoches. Jones is doing graduate work at Louisiana State University.

BASKETBALL SCORE BOARD

November	29	NSC	60	Lamar Tech	64
December	2	*NSC	61	Lamar Tech	48
December	5	*NSC	91	Northeast State	51
December	9	NSC	73	Southern State	64
December	12	NSC	58	Texas A. & M.	53
December	13	NSC	85	Sam Houston	69
December	16	*NSC	67	Southern State	64
December	17	*NSC	80	E. New Mexico U.	67
December	19	*NSC	86	Sam Houston	64
December	29	NSC	59	Southwestern	70
December	30	NSC	66	McNeese State	16
December	31	NSC	53	Northeast State	51
January	3	*NSC	53	McNeese State	54
January	6	NSC	78	Northeast State	60
January	17	*NSC	77	Mississippi Southern	75
January	21	*NSC	79	Mexican Oil	61
January	24	NSC	59	Camp Polk	52
January	29	NSC	66	Louisiana College	46
January	30	*NSC	67	Southeastern	58
January	31	*NSC	59	Centenary	73
February	3	NSC	54	Southwestern	73
February	5	*NSC	80	Louisiana College	74
February	7	NSC	59	Southeastern	69
February	9	NSC	62	Louisiana Tech	70
February	12	NSC	77	McNeese State	64
February	14	*NSC	83	Southwestern	62
February	16	*NSC	64	Spring Hill	71

*Home games.

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